

## Minutes of the Water Committee Budget Review Meeting

Bountiful City Water Department  
260 West 1050 South, Bountiful, UT  
April 13, 2016 (4:00 p.m.)

Present:

Committee Members:	Kendalyn Harris, John Pitt
City Manager:	Gary Hill
Assistant City Manager:	Galen Rasmussen
Department Personnel:	Mark Slagowski, Water Department Director Brett Eggett, Assistant Water Department Director Tracy Hatch, Construction Supervisor Paul Rowland, City Engineer Lloyd Cheney, Assistant City Engineer

Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a written notice of same and an agenda at the City Hall and providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: Davis County Clipper, Standard Examiner, and on the Utah Public Notice Website.

Committee chair Kendalyn Harris called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m., and welcomed those in attendance.

## PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

Mark Slagowski presented the budget for the Water department and outlined major water projects underway or pending. Those projects included work on water infrastructure in connection with the Utah Department of Transportation project along 400 North (this project was not planned in the Water budget). Other upcoming work during the coming months will include water well reconstruction and a new Water Treatment Plant. The department is now testing an option for a new treatment plant using membrane technology. In preparing the budget, certain reclassifications of expenses were made, and due to an oversight, \$150,000 was omitted from the Wells account budget in fiscal year 2016-2017. This expense relates to preliminary work on the Water Treatment Plant upgrade. Management requests that this amount be added back to the budget request for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Mark Slagowski, Brett Eggett, Paul Rowland and Lloyd Cheney discussed the issue of water quality and testing with the committee members. Reference was made to recent events in Flint, Michigan where high levels of lead were detected. Further pending EPA changes in required public notices and water

39 testing were outlined along with potential costs to the Water department. Typical lab sample testing  
40 can cost \$20 to \$50 per sample.

41 Mark Slagowski identified key line item budget changes between the current budget year and the  
42 proposed fiscal year 2016-2017 budget. These included:

- 43 1. Addition of a "Meters" account with \$75,000 in budget to cover replacement of Automated  
44 Meter Reading (AMR) meters and transmitter modules. These units were purchased several  
45 years ago and are now outside of the warranty replacement period.
- 46 2. Reemphasizing that connect and reconnect fees are being charged to customers for services  
47 provided. While there has been a fee adopted for this purpose for many years, the fee has not  
48 always been assessed.
- 49 3. Pipe replacement activities in fiscal year 2016-2017 will mostly be accomplished with labor  
50 from the Water department staff.
- 51 4. Gary Hill, Paul Rowland, Lloyd Cheney and Mark Slagowski led a discussion related to potential  
52 development in the area of 400 North near Bountiful Blvd. Expenses for Buildings and  
53 Reservoirs in the amount of \$250,000 and \$550,000 respectively would initially be needed in  
54 the area to accommodate future needs for increased capacity. A pump house would likely cost  
55 \$250,000 with a reservoir costing between \$500,000 and \$600,000. If a development in the  
56 area were to be made, there would also be a need for an additional reservoir and related  
57 facilities at a higher location near the "B" for like cost. The costs of the second reservoir and  
58 other piping and related infrastructure would be covered as a cash amount paid to the City by  
59 the developer (Contribution-in-Aid revenue would need to be increased). While no filings for  
60 development have been received by the Engineering department, many public inquiries have  
61 been received to indicate a good potential for development may exist.

62 A discussion also was held on a proposed Storm Water regulation currently under a 180 day comment  
63 period. The regulations pertain to "Low Impact Development" standards requiring onsite storm water  
64 retention for developments filed after the middle of August 2016. Developments with onsite  
65 retention would require City crews to maintain those new areas thus becoming a new cost to be  
66 covered by the City. It is anticipated that developers with serious desires for new projects will try to  
67 file for development before the regulations take effect. This issue will affect costs of the Storm Water  
68 Fund of the City.

69 Two additional areas of discussion at the meeting were measures to be taken with residents that use  
70 culinary water to irrigate their yards and gardens. Current Building Code requires the installation of  
71 testable backflow assemblies by a licensed plumbing contractor where culinary water connections  
72 may be at risk of backflow contamination. Under these regulations, there will be an installation cost  
73 to residents in need of a backflow assembly and then an annual testing fee (currently \$70). The Water  
74 department estimates that 800 to 1000 residence locations may be affected by this regulatory

75 requirement mostly above Bountiful Blvd. The Water department staff will begin a public notice and  
76 education effort to help residents through this transition of regulatory requirements.

77 The final item of discussion was led by Gary Hill and covered upcoming changes in Weber Basin Water  
78 Conservancy District rates. A State law was enacted recently that will charge a fee on new  
79 developments served by Weber Basin for infrastructure needed. This fee will not likely affect  
80 Bountiful due to how customers are served for water. However, there was another requirement in  
81 the new law that water districts similar to Weber Basin will be required to maintain fund balance  
82 reserves equal to their annual operating costs. As such, Weber Basin will be raising their rates to any  
83 customer for the purpose of building their fund balance reserves to the levels required. Since  
84 Bountiful does purchase some water from Weber Basin, this new charge will affect the City. Gary Hill  
85 recommended that City Water rates be increased to cover the amount of the increase so as not to  
86 subsidize Weber Basin. Committee chair Harris agreed on raising the rates when the increase is  
87 known and also recommended that current City Water rates again be revisited for any other increases  
88 needed.

89 Committee member John Pitt made a motion to accept the tentative budget of the Water  
90 department, as amended for additions previously discussed during the meeting which include the  
91 \$150,000 for Water Treatment Plant preliminary work. Committee chair Harris seconded the motion.  
92 Voting was unanimous with Committee members Harris and Pitt voting "aye".

93 The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. on a motion made by Committee member Pitt and seconded by  
94 Committee chair Harris. Voting was unanimous with Committee members Harris and Pitt voting  
95 "aye".